

But Congress can't do this alone. Moving at the pace demanded by the climate crisis will take all hands on deck. And a fully staffed FERC is going to be critical to that success.

Mr. Speaker, I will now go work on my fitness.

#### BUDGET MUST INCLUDE HYDE AMENDMENT

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the nearly 2.5 million children whose lives have been saved by the Hyde amendment.

This landmark legislation has been a part of every budget in Congress that we have passed since 1976. Now, this amendment is threatened by liberals in Congress who want to force taxpayers to pay for abortions. This is wrong.

As a doctor, I know that the dignity of life is a fundamental truth. To turn our backs on this amendment would not only subvert the will of the American people, it will cost lives.

By eliminating the Hyde amendment, Democrats want to expand unlimited access to abortion services at taxpayers' expense. Any budget that we pass must include the Hyde amendment.

#### RECOGNIZING MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION'S KEVIN PAAP

(Mr. EMMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation President Kevin Paap, who will be retiring in November.

Kevin has been president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau for 16 years, during which time I and my team have been fortunate enough to work with him very closely on many occasions.

In addition to being a selfless servant leader, Kevin Paap walks the walk. He and his wife, Julie, own and operate a fourth-generation family farm in Blue Earth County, Minnesota, where they grow corn and soybeans.

Whenever I speak to Kevin, I am impressed by his commitment and focus to improving the lives of Minnesota's farmers and advancing American agriculture. He has been the advocate that our State's farm and ranch community deserves, and we will be forever grateful for his work.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Kevin on his well-earned retirement. I look forward to seeing him and his family again soon.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO MARGIE RICE

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a well-known figure in our Orange County community, Margie Rice.

Rice served on the Westminster City Council for 22 years and as mayor of Westminster for 12 of those years. Before that, she served as a member of the Westminster School District Board of Trustees for 17½ years.

She dedicated her time to making life better for those she served and was an outspoken force in our community. A cornerstone of her legacy is the Rose Center Theater in Westminster, which she spearheaded and secured funding for.

Rice is survived by two of her four children, 19 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Margie Rice was a leader in Westminster for more than six decades, and she will be so missed by family, friends, and our community.

#### REJECTING MINORITY MEMBERS FOR SELECT COMMITTEE

(Mr. NEHLS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, 1 week ago today, Speaker PELOSI made history. For the first time in more than 230 years of the United States House of Representatives, the Speaker of the House rejected the minority party's picks for a select committee.

This House has seen partisan fights. This House has seen turmoil. This House has seen deep division. But never in the history of its existence has it seen a Speaker reject the minority's picks for a select committee until Speaker PELOSI.

Her historic move cemented the January 6th Select Committee as completely partisan from top to bottom. Every committee member was hand-picked by Speaker PELOSI for a specific purpose. And we know what that purpose is: to push her narrative and her agenda.

Despite Speaker PELOSI's attempts to obstruct the truth, Republicans will continue our own investigation and follow the facts where they take us because we owe it to the American people to ensure this never happens again.

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#### CRIME RISING ACROSS THE COUNTRY

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I noticed this morning that in the last week there were a couple more homicides in the city of my birth, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Milwaukee right now is on pace to exceed the record number of homicides they had last year. This did not happen in a vacuum.

There are some people who blame guns, but other crimes are up as well,

which shows guns have nothing to do with it. The reason is that law enforcement is under attack and has been passive, not only in Milwaukee, but in Chicago, in Baltimore, in Philadelphia, and Washington.

And why are they passive? Because politicians in this Chamber and politicians around the country have tried to blame the police for incarceration rather than blame the criminal. And as a result, police are scared to act, afraid to be aggressive, and we have murder rates higher than we have seen in quite a while, and we recently hit 90,000 deaths a year from illegal drug use.

These additional deaths, to me, the blood is on the people who ignore the studies that show that police are not racist and continue to push the police into a more passive fashion. We must stop this cheap politicking.

#### HONORING BOB GASTONGUAY

(Mr. AMODEI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AMODEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Bob Gastonguay, who has been with my office since I was elected in 2011.

Prior to his first retirement, Bob had a long and successful career in telecommunications as the executive director of the Nevada State Cable Telecommunications Association.

Why did he come out of retirement? He wanted a Federal job.

No matter the difficulties that came with serving as the face of my front office, Bob has been the perfect person to greet people or take their calls. He greets everyone with a warm welcome, and shows them respect, and makes them feel heard.

As a new member of the octogenarian club, Bob hasn't let his age slow him down. He is always the first one in, constantly on the move, and always striking up a conversation with whom-ever he meets.

In addition to his long career, Bob raised a family of two sons, a granddaughter, and three great-grandchildren with his loving wife of 60 years, Barbara.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Bob for his service to Nevada and to the country.

#### HONORING THE CAREER AND LEADERSHIP OF NANCY NORR

(Mr. STAUBER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Nancy Norr for the incredible work she has done on behalf of northern Minnesota, and to congratulate her on a well-deserved retirement.

In addition to the 30-plus years that Nancy has spent at Minnesota Power, she has taken leadership roles in a variety of organizations throughout the Northland.

Most notably, Nancy led Jobs for Minnesotans, a group that advocates